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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 25, 2019

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]** will be considered.

Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV) or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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## **Agricultural Research Service**

*TITLE:* Your Perspective on Your Grasslands in the Northern Great Plains

*OMB CONTROL NUMBER:* 0518-NEW

*SUMMARY OF COLLECTION:* The Agricultural Research Service within the Department of Agriculture will conduct a mail survey titled “Your Perspective on your Grasslands in the Northern Great Plains” under authority of 7 U.S.C. 2131. This survey is a key component of a project that will provide comprehensive evaluation of the ecological and social benefits, costs and risks of different land management practices in northern Great Plains grasslands invaded by Kentucky bluegrass.

*NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION:* The survey will collect information from a randomly selected subset of landowners in 9 Counties in North Dakota to assess and identify sustainable management practices of northern Great Plains grasslands; specifically, focusing on Kentucky bluegrass expansion. The information gathered from the survey will enable researchers to more effectively transfer information to landowners to increase the impact of this research on the agricultural community of the northern Great Plains. Failure to collect this information to know how farmers and ranchers perceive and manage ecosystem changes in relation to Kentucky bluegrass limits the scope and reduces innovation of current research efforts to inform sustainable land management practices in the northern Great Plains.

*DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:* Individuals or households

*NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS:* 1,278

*FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES:* Reporting: On occasion

*TOTAL BURDEN HOURS:* 141

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